

TREATMENT CAPACITY FEE CHANGE FOR MADISON WASTEWATER PLANT

Lake County, OH— In February of 2012, The Lake County Board of Commissioners approved an increase to the charge required to connect into sanitary sewer processed by the Madison Plant. This charge, or capacity fee, will increase from \$3.375 to \$5.705 per gallon.

With the change scheduled to take place on January 1, 2014, The Lake County Department of Utilities wants to provide clarification on what this means for its customers.

Basically, new sanitary connections in Madison Township, Perry Township, North Perry Village, and Perry will be affected by the increase. Given that a standard house uses roughly 400 gallons per day, this means that a new resident will pay \$2,282.00 when they connect into sewer. Despite the increase, the connection charge is still far less than the cost of a typical septic system, which can range from \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00.

Besides new residential connections, the increase will also apply to current commercial customers who are undergoing any expansions.

According to Denis Yurkovich P.E, Assistant Sanitary Engineer for the Lake County Department of Utilities, it is important for current customers to know this is not a rate increase in quarterly sewer charges; rather, the increase is a one time charge for new connections, and expansions for commercial customers.